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COUNTRY Nicaragua | FILE/Acquisition

SUBJECT Arrest of Members of the Centro Universitario (ordered because of distribution of literature inciting violence)

DATE OF INFORMATION 3 August 1959 | REFERENCES [illegible]

On 3 August President Luis SOMOZA of Nicaragua ordered the arrest of all members of the university student governing body, the Centro Universitario de la Universidad Nacional (CUUN) for printing and disseminating subversive handbills and manifestoes derogatory to the SOMOZA family and inciting to rebellion and assassination. Comment: Since the university is closed, the thirteen members of the CUUN are widely dispersed, most students having left Leon. It may require several weeks to find them all.) Comment: On 3 August it was reported from Leon that Jose MANTICA and Esteban DUQUE Estrada, prominent businessmen in Leon, were suspected of having printed the handbills attributed to the CUUN. From the wide variety of subversive material being printed and the diverse methods of distribution it is suspected that other anti-government political groups and/or individuals from the business and professional community are participating, if not directing, this activity, and concealing the origin

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of the material by attributing it to the CUUM. More arrest orders may be issued, and Nicaraguans may be seeking asylum to avoid arrests.)

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